## a.) Remarks

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

Group I (Claims 1-5 and 15), drawn to a composition;

Group II (Claims 6-12), drawn to a method of treating and/or preventing higher brain dysfunction associated with brain injury; or

Group III (Claim 14), drawn to a method of producing a composition.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, namely Claims 6-12.

The Examiner also requested that Applicants select a single specie for search, irrespective of which Group is elected. The specie are denoted at page 5, namely a moiety for each of R<sup>1</sup>-R<sup>4</sup>, X, Y and Z. In response, Applicants hereby select for search Compound 2 (see specification page 13). In Compound 2

$$X^{1} = X^{2} = O$$
,  $R^{1} = R^{2} = CH_{2}CH_{3}$ ,  $R^{3} = CH_{3}$ , and  $R^{4} = \begin{pmatrix} Y_{1} & Y_{2} & Y_{3} & X_{4} & X_{5} &$ 

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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